



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants, employment opportunities and various items of interest. Input and feedback are appreciated. For information, contact M. Castain 415-972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>. Also, if you do not want to receive this newsletter, contact M. Castain.

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9, San Francisco, California

September 2007

Tribal Program Newsletter

Meetings and Conferences



Sponsor: North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (NCIRWIMP)

Oct 10-12	Integrated Planning	Fortuna, CA	http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/Content/10326/North_Coast_Conference.html or http://www.northcoastirwmp.net
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Sponsors: UC Davis and the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria; Middletown Rancheria

Oct. 26-27	California Indian Conference	Davis, CA	Macri Martha, 530-752-7086 or email macri@ucdavis.edu or Sheri Tatsch 530-754-8361, sjtatsch@ucdavis.edu or go to http://nas.ucdavis.edu/NALC/cicq/
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Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

Oct 15-16	RTOC Meeting in conjunction with the Tribal Annual Conference	Elko, NV	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 or hecht.hillary@epa.gov
Oct 17-19	15 th Annual Tribal Conference, Region 9	Elko, NV	Lilia Dignan, 415-972-3779 or dignan.lilia@epa.gov or go to http://www.temoaktribe.org/EPA/index.shtml

Sponsors: Numerous local, state and federal agencies as well as private companies:

Sept 4-7	Continuing Challenge Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Workshop	Sacramento, CA	Angie Proboszcz, 415-972-3077, proboszcz.angie@epa.gov http://www.hazmat.org
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Sponsor: Information Management Network

Oct 15-16	7th Semi-annual Native American Finance Conference	Leyard, CT	http://secure.imn.org/~conference/im/index2.cfm?sys_code=20071031_PF_001
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Nov 5-8	HazMat Explo	Las Vegas, NV	Angie Proboszcz, 415-972-3077, proboszcz.angie@epa.gov http://hazmatexplo.org/

Sponsor: Journal of Solid Waste Technology and Management (call for papers)

Mar 30-Apr 2	23 rd International Conference on Solid Waste Technology and Management	Philadelphia, PA	Dr. Ronald L. Mersky, 610-499-4041, solid.waste@widener.edu
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Trainings



Sponsor: California Environmental Protection Agency (CAL/EPA)

Sep 18-21	Basic Inspector Academy	Los Angeles, CA	Nancy Thompson 916- 322-2227 Cal/EPA Training Academy
Nov. 6-9	Basic Inspector Academy	Sacramento, CA	Same as above
Sep 18-21	CST109: Basic Inspector Course	Lakewood, CO	for Course Delivery Details to Register



Sponsors: California Department of Water Resources, California State Water Resources Control Board, Groundwater Resources Association of California, Water Education Foundation, University of California Center for Water Resources, and the U.S. Geological Survey

Sep 18-19	26 th Biennial Ground Water Conference	Sacramento, CA	http://www.grac.org/am07.asp or call Barbara Cross, 916-653-5150 or email bcross@water.ca.gov
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Sponsor: Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Sep 11	Board Member and Owners Responsibilities	Sonora, CA	*See below
Sep 12	Water System Description & Mapping	Modesto, CA	
Sep 25	Capital Improvement Plans and Assessment Management	Solvang, CA	
Sep 26	Budgets and Rate Setting	San Luis Obispo, CA	
Oct 16	Monitoring and Water Quality	Big Bear Lake, CA	
Oct 17	Plotting an Arsenic Mitigation Strategy	Victorville, CA	
Nov 6	Monitoring and Water Quality	Antioch, CA	
Nov 7	Basic Operations & Maintenance for Storage Tanks, Pipe Repair and System Security	Livermore, CA	
Nov 27	Water Treatment Operator Certification Review	Tonopah, AZ	
Nov. 28	Water Distribution Operator Certification Review	Tonopah, AZ	

*For more information on the courses above, contact Mark Wiseman, 916-447-8932 or visit the following Web site: www.rcac.org



Sponsors: EPA, Region 9 and the Dry Creek Rancheria

Sep 25-27	CWA Section 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program	Healdsburg, CA	Contact: Audrey Johnson, 415-972-3431 or email johnson.audrey1@epa.gov or Tiffany Eastman: eastman.tiffany@epa.gov or go to: www.epa.gov/owow/nps/tribal/workshops07.htm
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Sponsor: Department of Energy (DOE)

Oct 2-4	Business Development and Financing Workshop	Denver, CO	www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy
Nov. 5-8	Tribal Energy Program Review	Denver, CO	www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy

Sponsor: Northwest Environmental Training Center


Sept 5-6	Introduction to Managing Environmental Data with Microsoft Access	Los Angeles, CA	http://www.nwetc.org/comp-401_09-07_los_angeles.htm
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**Sponsor: Inter Tribal Council of Arizona**

Sept. 17-21	Water Treatment – Level Three	Arizona*	Deborah Patton, 602-307-1548 or deborah.patton@itcaonline.com
Oct 15-19	Wastewater Treatment Level Three	Arizona*	Same as above
Oct 16-19	General Module for Water and Wastewater Operators	Nevada*	Same as above
Nov 7	Tribal Operator Workgroup Meeting	Arizona*	Same as above

* Locations are subject to change. Always check with D. Patton (address above) for location of training

Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)

 Sep 18-20	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)	Denver, Co	Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840 todd.barnell@nau.edu
Sep 25-27	Air Quality and Ecosystems	Las Vegas, NV	Sue Rose, 928-523-1488 susan.rose@nau.edu

ITEP is looking for tribal staff members currently engaged in conducting environmental inspections who would be interested in acting as tribal instructors for ITEP courses. If interested, contact Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840. For a complete listing of course catalog call Lydia Scheer, Training Coordinator, 928-523-6887 or visit:

<http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp>

**Sponsor: Nielsen Field School**

Sept 18-20	The Complete Ground Water Sampling Field Course	Columbus, OH	Call 740-965-5026 or visit info@envirofieldschool.com
Oct 16-18	The Complete Ground Water Sampling Field Course	Sacramento, CA	Call 740-965-5026 or visit info@envirofieldschool.com
Nov 5-7	The Complete Ground Water Sampling Field Course	Las Cruces, NM	Call 740-965-5026 or visit info@envirofieldschool.com
Nov 1-2	The Complete Surface Water and Sediment Sampling Field Course	Las Cruces, NM	Call 740-965-5026 or visit info@envirofieldschool.com

**Sponsor: The Grant Institute**

Sep 25-27	Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop	Phoenix, AZ	Call 888-824-4424 to register by phone. To register on line go to: www.thegrantinstitute.com or email to info@thegrantinstitute.com
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**Sponsor: International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management and the Sicangu Policy Institute of the Sinte Gleska University**

Oct. 31 – Nov. 1	NEPA and Transportation	Rapid City, SD	Mervyn L. Tano, 303-733-0481 or mervtano@iirm.org . go to Web site: www.iirm.org
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Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

Grants and Loans

Grants.gov

Funding from the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for award. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at support@grants.gov.

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Drinking Water and Wastewater Grants

EPA's Tribal Border Infrastructure program is requesting proposals for high priority drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects for federally recognized Indian tribes within 62 miles (100 kilometers) of the U.S. / Mexico border. The full announcement is available at <http://www.grants.gov> and at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/rfps.html>. Proposals must be postmarked or received through Grants.gov by November 1. For more information, contact Linda Reeves at 415-972-3445 or reeves.linda@epa.gov.



Environmental Fellowships

EPA as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program is offering Graduate Fellowships for masters and doctoral level students in environmental fields of study in areas including but not limited to: Environmental Decision-Making Research, Atmospheric Sciences and Environmental Engineering. \$5.9 million is expected to be available and up to 65 awards are anticipated. Responses due October 23. For more info, contact Stephanie at Willett2008FellowshipsRFP@epa.gov or go to: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008_star_fellow.html.



Grant Opportunity to Strengthen Ability to Address Environmental and Public Health Threats

The Office of Compliance (OC), within EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) is soliciting proposals for states and tribes to strengthen their ability to address environmental and public health threats, while furthering the art and science of environmental compliance. Projects under this Solicitation Notice will be used to build and expand the capacity and ability of the states and tribes to operate their environmental compliance and enforcement program. These funds cannot be used for the actual implementation of the compliance program. This year, EPA is soliciting pre-proposals for the following focus areas:

- (1) Permit Compliance System (PCS) Modernization and ICIS-NPDES,
- (2) Tribal Compliance Assurance Training and Workshops,
- (3) Air Facility System (AFS), and
- (4) Three national priority sectors:
 - Storm Water,
 - Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO), and
 - Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO).

The total grant award to be funded is \$3,100,000 and will be awarded to selected proposals in the range of \$50,000 - \$200,000. State and tribal matching funds are not required. Contact: Ginger Gotliffe, EPA, OECA, OC, National Planning, Measures and Analysis Staff, (202) 564-7072, gotliffe.ginger@epa.gov or go to <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/state/grants/stag/opportunities.html>

Environmental Health Outcome Indicators

EPA requests proposals for the Development of Environmental Health Outcome Indicators. Through this initiative, EPA seeks research projects that use existing data sources to develop indicators that signal the impact of changes in environmental conditions, management approaches or policies on human health. \$2 million is expected to be available and up to four awards are anticipated. Responses are due September 19. For more information, contact Deborah Segal at segal.deborah@epa.gov or go to: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007_star_health_indicators.html

Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside Funds Available

Tribes are invited to apply for up to \$7M of FY 08 and 09 drinking water infrastructure funds for projects that address high priority public health risks. The full announcement, guidance, and project proposal form is available at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/dwttsa.html> . Proposals are due September 21. Contact: Linda Reeves, 415-972-3445 or reeves.linda@epa.gov .

Brownfields Program

Do you have some property in your community that could be reused or redeveloped? EPA has a Brownfields Program that provides grants to assess and/or cleanup properties that are blighted or underutilized due to the uncertainty of contamination from hazardous substances or petroleum products. Brownfields Assessment Grants provide funding for brownfield inventories, planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach. Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants provide funding to capitalize loans that are used to clean up brownfields. Brownfields Cleanup Grants provide direct funding for cleanup activities at certain properties with planned greenspace, recreational, or other nonprofit uses. The guidelines for this year's round of proposals have not been released yet. This is the perfect time to get a head-start. To get specific details about the eligibility of your Brownfields properties for funding and which grant is best for you, please contact: Nuria Muñiz, Brownfields Tribal Coordinator, at 415-972-3811 or by e-mail at Muniz.Nuria@epa.gov .

Particulate Matter and Health

EPA requests proposals for Innovative Approaches to Particulate Matter Health, Composition, and Source Questions. Through this RFP, EPA seeks applications proposing to improve the ability of epidemiologic studies to link health outcomes to sources and components of air pollution. \$5 million is expected to be available and up to 6 awards are anticipated. Responses due September 11. For more information, contact Darrell Winner at winner.darrell@epa.gov or go to: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007_star_part_matter.html.

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EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement

nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)

USDA requests proposals for RCDI. RCDI supports qualified intermediary organizations that will provide financial and technical assistance to recipients to develop their capacity and ability to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to: Assisting recipients to complete predevelopment requirements for housing and community facilities by providing architectural, engineering, or legal services; improving recipient's organizational capacity by providing training and resource material on developing strategic plans, board operations, management, financial systems, and information technology. \$6.2 million is expected to be available and individual award range will be \$50K to \$300K. Responses are due September 6. For more information, including state-specific contacts go to:

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/nofas/index.html>

Miscellaneous Grants:



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Revitalization Grants

HUD requests proposals for HOPE VI Revitalization grants to assist Public Housing Authorities to:

- Improve the living environment in severely distressed public housing projects through the demolition, rehabilitation, reconfiguration, or replacement of obsolete public housing project;

- Revitalize sites;

- Provide housing that will avoid or decrease the concentration of very low-income families; and

- Build sustainable communities.

HUD encourages energy efficiency standards above Model Energy Codes for energy and water efficiency, sustainable construction and demolition practices, and utilization of PATH technologies to radically improve the quality, durability, environmental performance, energy efficiency, and affordability of our nation's housing. \$94.5 million is expected to be available, four to five awards are anticipated, and responses are due November 7. For more information, contact Leigh van Rij at Leigh.van.Rij@hud.gov or go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?opld=15014&mode=VIEW>.

Recycling Market Development and Expansion (MDE)

The California Department of Conservation requests proposals for the 2007 MDE Grant Program. This program provides up to \$20 million annually for programs to achieve sustainable containers, packaging materials or systems, and to improve the beverage container recycling rate in California. The focus is on recycled aluminum, glass and plastic, including research and development projects that lead to sustainable manufacturing and processing. Anyone may apply, although projects must provide a California benefit. For application materials and further information, please go to <http://www.consrv.ca.gov/dor/grants/rmdeg.htm>.

Environmental Justice Program

The Norman Foundation requests Letters of Inquiry for its Environmental Justice Program, which supports work to prevent the disposal of toxins in communities, and to link environmental issues with economic and social justice. The foundation provides grants for general support, projects, and collaborative efforts, and welcomes innovative proposals designed to build the capacity of social change organizations working in its areas of interest. Individual grants NTE \$20K. Responses are due November 11. For more information, go to: <http://www.normanfdn.org/>.

Recycling Consumer Electronics

Best Buy Co. requests proposals for Consumer Electronics Recycling Grants. Grant range is from \$500 to \$1.5K. This program seeks to increase recycling opportunities available to communities across the United States. Support is provided for events hosted by 501(c) (3) nonprofit organizations and for events hosted by other

organizations in cities and townships across the country. Responses accepted on an ongoing basis. For more information, go to: <http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/recycling.asp>.

Local Governments Reimbursements (LGR)

The LGR program provides federal funds to local governments for costs related to temporary emergency measures conducted in response to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances. The program serves as a "safety net" to provide supplemental funding (up to \$25,000 per incident) to local governments that do not have funds available to pay for these response actions. Eligible local governments include cities, towns, townships, counties, and federally-recognized Indian Tribes. Typical incidents include transportation accidents, abandoned drums, former methamphetamine labs, chemical spills and accidents, as well as threats that any hazardous substance may be released. If local hazardous material responders incurred expenses to an incident on tribal lands or within their jurisdiction, tribes may seek cost reimbursement from the EPA within one year of the response. The Region 9 contact for the LGR program is Hedy Salter at 415-972-3046. Further information on the program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/lgr/index.htm>; or by calling the LGR Helpline at 800-431-9209 and asking for an application package to keep on hand. For additional information about these procedures contact Daniel Meer at 415- 972-3132 or by email at meer.daniel@epa.gov.

Integrated Waste Management Board

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316

Housing and Community Development in California

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones 916-319-8402 or email ajones@hcd.ca.gov

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

California Endowment Program

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call 800-449-4149.

Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html> For more information, call Jessica Counts 415-972-3288.

The California Department of Water Resources

The 2007 Proposal Solicitation for Water Use Efficiency is a two step process. In Step 1, the applicant will submit (on-line) a concept proposal. Applicants with concept proposals meeting specific criteria and requirements will be asked to submit a detailed and full proposal for funding consideration. If you have any questions, please e-mail wue@water.ca.gov or 916-651-9666 or email baryohay@water.ca.gov

Economic Development

The U.S. Economic Development Administration requests proposals under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, and the Trade Act of 1974. This program supports projects that promote comprehensive, entrepreneurial and innovation-based economic development efforts to enhance the competitiveness of regions, resulting in increased private investment and higher-skill, higher wage jobs in areas experiencing substantial and persistent economic distress. \$250.7 million is expected to be available, proposals accepted on a continuous basis. For more information, go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?opId=13169&mode=VIEW>.

Employment Opportunities



Water Resources Engineer, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC)

Under supervision of the Division Manager (Water Resources), plans, manages, and conducts water resources related engineering projects, including design, supervision of contracts and contractors, planning and supervision of survey and engineering technician staff. This position is treated as an FLSA exempt position. Submit application to SRPMIC – Human Resources, 10005 E. Osborn, Scottsdale, AZ 85256, FAX 480-850-8126 or apply on line at www@SRPMICJOBS.com. To request a full job description, please e-mail recruitmenttransactions@srpmic-nsn.gov or phone 480-850-8096. This position will remain open until filled. For a complete listing of employment positions at SRPMIC go to: <http://www.srpmicjobs.com/>



Environmental Resource Specialist, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

Assists with general environmental department operations and projects centered on an array of ecological issues to sustain or improve environmental and ecological integrity at Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. Projects are related to arid watersheds, riparian ecosystems, water quantity, flora and fauna assessments, range ecology and management, avian ecology, emergency response, solid waste management, environmental planning, and public outreach. An A.A.S. degree in Natural Resource Management or related field is required. This position will remain open until filled. Submit application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Human Resources Dept, Attn: Vanessa Ferolino, P. O Box 17779, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269; Phone: 480-816-7119; Fax: 480-816-0419 or Email: vferolino@ftmcdowell.org. Preference will be given to qualified applicants who are members of federally recognized Indian tribes. To be considered for Indian Preference, you must submit your Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) with your application.



Resource Technician for the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe

The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe is also accepting applications for a Resource Technician. Incumbent will direct/administer all aspects of the Tribe's geographical information system. For more information, please contact William Cowan, Natural Resource Director, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, 653 Anderson Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445, telephone 775-623-5151 or email: william.cowan@summitlaketribe.org



Job Openings and Civil Service Exams:

Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) has openings for engineers, environmental scientists, toxicologists, industrial hygienists, engineering geologists, chemists, and criminal investigators. Positions are located in the Sacramento HQ office, as well as in regional offices in Berkeley, Sacramento, Glendale, Cypress, Clovis, San Diego, and Calexico. Applications for civil service exams for these positions are being accepted on a continuous basis. Web site: [Employment with DTSC](#)

**Biological Technician in North Carolina**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has an opening for a biological technician. The responsibilities are to coordinate wildlife management research projects and collect data. This position requires many hours of field work. Please contact the Human Resource Office at 828-497-8131 for more information and an application. Or, call Forrest Parker, Manager, Office of Environment and Natural Resources, 828-497-1838.

**Environmental Director, Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley**

Implement and coordinate a variety of environmental programs, while keeping the Tribe in compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations and protecting Tribal water resources and environmental interests. Write grant proposals for additional programs and funds and conduct community outreach. Must have a B.S. in environmental or other science field, however, combination of education and related work experience of at least three years will be considered. Good writing and communication skills required. Must be able to work effectively with tribal leaders and associated network of agencies, and demonstrate a commitment to meeting tribal environmental goals and objectives. Indian Preference: TERO Ordinance and Indian Preference will apply to qualified Native American applicants, Title 25, U.S. Code 472 & 473. For more information contact: Big Pine Tribal Office, 760-938-2003, Fax 760-938-2942 or email: bpptadminasst@earthlink.net. Deadline to apply is Friday, September 14.

Environmental Coordinator for the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe

The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe of northwestern Nevada is accepting applications to fill an Environmental Coordinator position. Incumbent will lead the Tribe's efforts to develop and implement an Environmental Plan to attain the Tribe's goals. Contact William Cowan, Natural Resource Director, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, 653 Anderson Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445, telephone 775-623-5151 or email: william.cowan@summitlaketribe.org

Environmental Director, Campo Indian Reservation

The Campo Indian Reservation has an opening for an environmental director. This person will direct environmental programs for the tribe, such as water issues, drinking water, non point source, emergency response, solid waste, and air. Solid waste includes the permitting and regulatory oversight of a commercial waste facility. Director will report to Campo Tribal Administrator. The Campo Indian Reservation is located in the southeast quarter of San Diego County. This position is a tribal preference/ Indian preference position under applicable Federal and Tribal laws. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled. Please submit your resume Attention: Councilman Connolly, 36190 Church Road, Campo, CA 91906 or call Lisa Gover at 619-478-9046.

Northwest Environmental Training Center (NWETC)

NWETC is seeking experienced environmental professionals to help teach their technical training programs. These are paid positions that involve teaching a one, two, or three-day workshop. Training programs include topics ranging from environmental remediation to habitat restoration and everything in between (see link below for more class topics). If you enjoy teaching and have a wealth of experience/expertise, please review the posted opportunities in the link below. If you have expertise in an area not listed on our opportunities page, contact <http://www.nwetc.org/opportunities.htm>; Workshop Topics: <http://www.nwetc.org/topics.htm>; Training Catalog: <http://www.nwetc.org/>. For more information, contact Kristine Robson, Professional Training Program 206-762-1976; krobson@nwetc.org

North Fork Mono Rancheria

The Rancheria has an opening for an environmental director. The salary range is \$48,159 -- \$62,605 per year. Under the general direction of the Tribal Administrator, the director will plan, direct, supervise, and coordinate the activities of the Tribe's Environmental Protection Department. The requirements are a B.S. in Natural Resource Science, Environmental Planning, or other related field with three years of successful experience working in the area of environmental programs and one year experience administering environmental grants/contract program(s). This position will remain open until filled. Please call 559-877-2461 for an application package.

Air Quality Compliance Specialist, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

Under the general supervision of the Cabazon Environmental Department Environmental Coordinator, performs field monitoring, testing, investigation and survey activities as necessary for air quality regulatory compliance. This position requires a Bachelors Degree and directly relevant experience in air quality a plus. For more information contact Human Resources, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Fantasy Springs Resort, Paul Soama, 760-342-2593, ext. 85751

Environmental Coordinator

The Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians has an opening for an environmental coordinator. The person hired will be responsible for the development, analyses, and coordination of the environmental and water departments. The ideal candidate must be able to work in a team environment and be a self-starter, with little supervision, must be computer literate (knowledge of Microsoft Office, GIS a plus), must have experience with analytical chemistry and/or microbiology, and must have excellent communication skills. The salary will depend on experience and this position will remain opened until filled. Send your resumes to: Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, P. O. Box 846, Coachella, CA 92236 or email dsterling@augustinetribe.com

Miscellaneous Items of Interest



American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)

AIEO has also developed a tribal portal to help American Indian communities and supporters locate tribal related information within EPA and other government agencies. Visit the [American Indian Tribal Portal](#) and let AIEO know what you think of the Web site and how it can be improved. For more information, contact Candi Schaedle, 202-564-6121 or email schaedle.candi@epa.gov



2007 High Energy Cost Grant Notice of Funding Availability published today

The Electric Programs published the Notice of Funding Availability for \$21.9 million in competitive High Energy Cost Grants. Applications must be submitted by Monday, October 1, 2007. More information on the NOFA, the Application Guide, and all materials needed to apply can be found on the Electric Program's High Energy Cost Grant Program webpage at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/electric/hecgp/overview.htm>. Information is also available through www.grants.gov under CFDA No. 10.859, Assistance to High Energy Cost Rural Communities. If you have questions, please call Karen Larsen, 202-720-8787



Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers

EPA has just issued a new publication as part of its effort to support innovative, market-based approaches to water quality trading. The *Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers: Interim Technical Guide* provides National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting authorities with the tools they need to incorporate trading provisions into permits. The Toolkit also serves as EPA's first "how-to" manual on designing and implementing trading programs consistent with EPA's 2003 *National Water Quality Trading Policy* and will be valuable to all stakeholders. The Toolkit is a web-based document available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/waterqualitytrading/WQTTToolkit.html>. A limited number of hard copies will be available in September through the National Service Center for Environmental Publications. To order go to: <http://www.epa.gov/ncepihom/>.

Photos from the 2006 Tribal EPA Conference

The Region 9 Tribal Program Office is seeking digital photos of the 2006 Tribal EPA Conference for the Tribal Program Website. They will be featured in a slideshow format. We're looking for photos of the opening session, workshops, RTOC, networking, awards luncheon and any others. If you could like to contribute photos please email them to Tina L. Williams at williams.tina@epa.gov. If you have any questions regarding this project, please call her at 415-972-3784.

Nominations for the National Tribal Water Council (NTWC)

The NTWC is seeking nominations for six at-large council members who will bring unique or additional water expertise on a variety of issues including, but not limited to wetlands, drinking water, groundwater, oceans/estuaries, and underground injection. The NTWC is not a policy-making body, and its input is not a substitute for government-to-government consultation. The deadline for the nominations is August 6, 2007. Nominations must be mailed to: National Tribal Water Council, P. O. Box 1038, Chiloquin, OR 97624. For more information, contact Kathleen S. Hill, NTWC Project Manager, at tribal_water_council@hotmail.com

10 Tips for a Healthier Home

1. Use a high-efficiency furnace filter and replace it every two to three months. A high-efficiency filter can capture up to 30 times more pet dander, smoke, pollen and other pollutants than a standard fiberglass filter.
2. Fix leaks and drips in your home to discourage mold growth. Also, avoid causing mold by making sure humidity levels stay low throughout the year, even if it means getting a dehumidifier.
3. Use exhaust fans in bathrooms and kitchens to remove moisture, smoke from cooking and fumes from household chemicals.
4. Good ventilation reduces indoor pollution. Leave doors open between rooms and open windows whenever possible.
5. If you or your family members have dust allergies or asthma, consider replacing carpet with area rugs that can be washed often.
6. Install carbon monoxide detectors near your sleeping areas to protect your family from this potentially deadly, odorless gas.
7. Some cleaning products contain strong and potentially toxic ingredients. Keep doors or windows open when using them, or consider switching to less toxic cleansers that are free of ammonia and other strong chemicals.
8. Test your home for radon -- a radioactive gas that can cause lung cancer -- with an inexpensive kit you can buy in hardware stores. Make sure the label says "Meets EPA requirements." If the radon in your home exceeds acceptable levels, you should hire a contractor to install a vent pipe system and fan. The average cost is about \$1,200.
9. Ask smokers not to smoke inside. Secondhand smoke can cause health problems, especially in children.
10. Never leave a car or gas lawn mower running in a garage that's attached to your house.

Sources: American Lung Association; Environmental Protection Agency

Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

Consulting with Indian Tribal Governments at Superfund Sites: A Beginner's Booklet

If you have questions concerning this booklet or would like to obtain a copy, please contact Nick Rebek, State, Tribe, and Site Identification Branch, 703-603-8811

Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

America's Children and the Environment Web Site

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)

AIEO has published the first EPA Tribal Program Enterprise Architecture (TPEA) tribal data newsletter. The purpose for this quarterly newsletter is to publish information about the work of TPEA. AIEO hopes to develop partnerships with parties that are interested in sharing information and ongoing experiences with data collection and information management. To view this newsletter click on or to obtain copies email liu.ed@epa.gov or call 202-564-0287.

Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at langlois.glen@epa.gov.

Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihc.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

National Response Center (NRC):

The NRC is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills. To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675 or visit their Web page at: <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil> and click on services and web reports. The NRC operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA

has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California, and Carson City, Nevada who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident in Arizona.

Inspector Credentials

Compliance assurance in Indian country is a national EPA priority. Region 9 is working toward improvement of the capacity of tribes to implement compliance assurance and enforcement programs by providing training for tribal environmental professionals and authorizing tribal inspectors to do federal inspections. Region 9 has increased the number of authorized inspectors from 3 to 7 and has Authorization Agreements in place with Navajo Nation for the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and with the Salt River-Pima Tribe for FIFRA. Additional opportunities are being developed to increase the number of credentialed tribal inspectors. For more information, please contact Angela Baranco, 415-947-4262 or baranco.angela@epa.gov.

Department of Agricultural (USDA)

High Energy Cost Grants:

The High Energy Cost Grant Program provides financial assistance for the improvement of energy generation, transmission, and distribution facilities serving eligible rural communities with home energy costs that are over 275 percent of the national average. There are a total of \$21.9 million in competitive High Energy Cost Grants. Applications must be submitted by Monday, October 1, 2007. More information on the NOFA, the Application Guide, and all materials needed to apply can be found on the Electric Program's High Energy Cost Grant Program webpage at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/electric/hecg/overview.htm>. For information on the program and our "Guide to Tribal Energy Development", see www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy. The High Energy Cost Grant Program is not specifically tailored to tribes, but tribes have been very successful in accessing funding through this program (see the attachment for summaries of past awards). Eligible applicants include federally recognized Indian tribes, entities owned by federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native Corporations. For more information contact Tedd Buelow, 202-690-1681 or email tedd.buelow@wdc.usda.gov

USDA's Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program

The Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program, funded by the USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Service assists tribal communities in promoting economic growth and development by improving transportation services. The program provides planning assistance for facilities development, transit service improvements and expansion, new system start-up, policy and procedure development, marketing, transportation coordination, training and public transit problem solving activities. Deadlines are on a rolling basis. For more information, visit <http://www.ctaa.org/techassist/usda/M-STAPPN.pdf>

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs



<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>
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<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>
<http://www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/house/cleaners.html>
<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>
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